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Group Art Unit: 3738

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2011, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-5, 7, 12, 13, and 15, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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